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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/690/Add.1)*]

54/259. United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates",[1] the note by the Secretary-General containing his comments thereon,[2] the relevant chapter of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-eighth session[3] and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on United Nations publications,[4]

Recalling paragraph 1 of section D of its resolution 52/214 of 22 December 1997, and taking into account the fact that the General Assembly has not taken any decision on the question of a cost-accounting system,

1. *Endorses* recommendations 2,[5] 3, 10 and 16 to 18 contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit;[1]

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[1] See A/51/946.

[2] A/52/685.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/53/16), chap. IV.

[4] A/53/669.

[5] The updated report of the Secretary-General on publications policy, referred to in recommendation 2, should be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

2. *Also endorses* recommendations 4 and 6 contained in the report of the Unit, subject to the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraph 350 of its report;[3]

3. *Further endorses* recommendations 13 and 15 contained in the report of the Unit, as modified by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 19 and 21, respectively, of its report;[4]

4. *Endorses* recommendation 14 contained in the report of the Unit, without prejudice to the traditional distribution of printed publications, taking into account paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

5. *Concurs* with paragraphs 22 and 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[6]

6. *Looks forward* to the conclusions of the study mentioned in paragraph 43 of the note by the Secretary-General;[2]

7. *Regrets* that the provision contained in paragraph 45 of annex II to its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997 has not been implemented, and requests the Secretary-General to implement this provision as a matter of priority and to report to it at its fifty-fifth session in the context of the item entitled "Pattern of conferences";

8. *Requests* that additional efforts be made to improve the linguistic quality and content of United Nations publications concomitantly in all six official languages;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifty-sixth session, a report on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution.

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[6] Recommendations 16 and 17 contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit should be understood as pertaining to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.